

BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RULE 203 - EXEMPTIONS TO RULES 200, 201 AND 202

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RULE 203

Nothing in these Regulations shall be construed to prohibit:

- 1 **PUBLIC OFFICER EXEMPTION:** Fires set by or permitted by any public officer if such fires are set or permission given in the performance of the official duty of such officer, and such fires, in the opinion of such officer, are necessary:
 - 1.1 For the purpose of the prevention of a fire hazard which cannot be abated by any other means; or,
 - 1.2 For the instruction of public employees in the methods of fire fighting; or,
 - 1.3 For the improvement of watershed range or pasture; or,
 - 1.4 For the growing of crops or raising of fowls or animals; or,
 - 1.5 For the purpose of disease or pest control and prevention.
- 2 **EMPLOYEE INSTRUCTION EXEMPTION:** Fires set on property used for industrial purposes for the purposes of instruction of employees in methods of fire fighting.
- 3 **BACKFIRES TO SAVE LIFE AND PROPERTY EXEMPTION:** Fires set pursuant to Section 4426 of the Public Resources Code as back fires necessary to save life or valuable property.

- 4 **AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION:** Agricultural operations and associated odors necessary for the growing of crops or raising of fowls or animals.
- 5 **AGRICULTURAL AIRCRAFT EXEMPTION:** Use of any aircraft to distribute seed, fertilizer, insecticides or other agricultural aids over land devoted to the growing of crops or raising of fowl or animals.